

Telegram from Alexander Graham Bell to Alexander Melville Bell, May 28, 1870, with transcript

BIOGRAPHICAL MATERIAL (LONDON) Copy of what is believed to be the original telegram sent from Edinburgh by ALEXANDER GRAHAM BELL, on learning of the unexpected death in London, of his brother "MELLY". ALEXANDER GRAHAM BELL had gone from London to Edinburgh to take care of "MELLY'S" professional work, and to aid in arranging for "MELLY'S" trip to London, from whence he was to proceed to Canada, in the hope of regaining his health. His physician had expressed the belief that "MELLY" could stand the trip. But the trip to London, even though he was in a specially arranged berth in a sleeper, proved too severe a tax on his strength, and he died a few hours after reaching London. "Carrie" was Melly's wife who accompanied him on the trip. Original telegram on file in "DR. BELL'S ROOM".

POST OFFICE TELEGRAPHS. From ALECK Received at EDINBURGH To BELL 18 HARRINGTON SQUARE N.W. 6 LONDON MY HEART IS WITH YOU ALL TAKE CARE OF POOR DEAR CARRIE, I THOUGHT HER ILL BEFORE. PLEASE WRITE TONIGHT. CHARLOTTE PLACE.